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## Thoughts on An Unsent Xmas Gift

Reminiscences On Finding a Christmas Present For the Woman Who Didn't Tag You—An Instance Where Preparedness Was An Unnecessary Expense. But Soft—How About Next Year?—An Echo.

I PICKED it up only today. A small neat package done up in white tissue, tied with pale pink ribbon, and sealed with well-fused Santa Clauses. It was soft and lumpy and smelled sweet with violet perfume. (Tollet water rather, stolen at Christmas tide from a sister while she was out of her room—great stuff—\$5c the bottle.) And as I held it speculatively in my hand I smiled to recall its story. It had been meant for Mabel—she of the keen wit and the vivid complexion—a co-worker, as a Christmas gift—should she give me one? Inside the package was a small card, and there fastened neatly were two pink with Irish crochet on the outside—Lingerie clasps. Early in October, in an abstract moment, they had been weaned from the work basket of the same sister. Who unwittingly lent the perfume. She had not noticed their absence by Christmas tide. And so they were tied with pink ribbon and made ready. Against Mabel's impulses. For should she give us a remembrance we were forced to give one back, saying—“Tag, you're it.” However, whether from ennui, or lack of funds, or disinclination, or some mental doubt of the propriety of it—Mabel brought no gift, she did not tag me. Long I waited—through the holidays, crouching with my pink weapon, but was not attacked. Then did I revile Mabel for her shrewdness like the fox. In time I forgot the thing, and it still remains trim—all summer in my desk. I picked it up only today. But put it back thoughtfully. For I am poor, and it is all ready to be fired. Besides, it would be amusing to tag Mabel first next Christmas and then watch her scratch for a return tag, and hear her say “Merry Christmas!”

The meanest woman in the world is the one who tells you the ending of the book you are reading. Unless she is outstripped by the woman who leaves her hair in YOUR comb.

### Notice, Please.

Wanted: By 114-pound woman, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, dark brown eyes and dark brown hair, with small, pointed, shaped head—another woman of similar proportions, willing to share, purchase, for co-operative wear, one theater hat, one evening dress and coat. Address Poor But Proud, This Office.

### Verses to a Painter.

The world is full of wandering souls And radio-psychic freaks; But when one happens right at home I think of it for weeks. What Comic action weird and strange. For instance—set you itching! Upon the week of weeks, my friend, To come and paint my kitchen?

THE CONDUCTOR.

## RECIPES

### Simple Lemon Pudding.

4 tablespoons of bread crumbs.  
1 lemon.  
1 egg.  
½ pint of milk.  
4 tablespoons of fine sugar.  
Mix the bread crumbs in a basin together with the finely grated lemon rind and the sugar. Heat the milk and butter and when cool pour on to the beaten egg mix together and add to the bread crumb mixture. Lastly, stir in the lemon juice, a few drops at a time, so as not to curdle the egg. Line a deep dish with plain pastry and fill with this mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

**Cold Slaw With Mustard Sauce.**  
1 tablespoon of olive oil.  
1 teaspoon of prepared French mustard.  
1 saltspoon of sugar.  
1 saltspoon of salt.  
½ cup of white vinegar.  
Pinch of black pepper.  
Put in a small bowl one tablespoon of olive oil, one teaspoon of prepared mustard (French), one saltspoon of salt, one saltspoon of sugar, one-half cup of white vinegar, a pinch of black pepper. Mix all well and stir lightly with cold slaw.

**Virginia Chowchow.**  
2 heads of cabbage.  
½ peck of ripe tomatoes.  
½ peck of green tomatoes.  
½ dozen onions.  
1 tablespoon of black pepper seed.  
1½ dozen red and green peppers with seeds removed.  
2 pounds of brown sugar.  
1 leasup of grated horseradish.  
1 ounce of turmeric.  
1 ounce of celery seed.  
1 tablespoon of ground mustard.  
1 pint of fine salt.  
Chop all finely; add 1 pint of fine salt and let stand over night. In morning drain, then add spices, cover with vinegar and boil twenty minutes.

## When It's Too Early to Buy a Winter Suit Lovely Woman Goes on a Blouse Bat

A Blouse, Being Unattached, As It Were, Fits Readily Into the Scheme of Things When the Shopping Fever Rages—Hence It Is of the New Fall Blouses That We Speak.

Crepe de Chine Is As Much of a Favorite As Ever, and the Reckless Are Urged To Try Their Fate With Handkerchief Linen and Organdy—Sturdy Voile Is Best of All.

By THE SHOPPER.

THE blouse question would appear to be of paramount interest. Whenever there is a between-season lull, whenever women are undecided concerning the quality and price of their winter-wear, they may still find an outlet for the persistent call of the shops by adding largely to their collections of blouses.

A blouse is a thing apart, like a sash or a friendship circle. It may be bought hastily and nonchalantly, or with long and prayerful consideration. It need not necessarily "match." Neither is there any hindrance of material or cut. In short, a blouse bat is one of the most popular indoor sports for women. The masculine tie tag, which is remotely comparable to it, fills the same deep need.

Last year one lounged negligently in crepe de chine at all hours of the day or night. It was the polymorphous material of the blouse world. Later came georgette crepe, with alluring sheerness. With the summer arrived an influx of wash materials, such as voile or organdy. Even these failed to shake the firm foundations upon which we build our faith in crepe de chine.

Crepe de Chine Our Refuge.

Those foundations will be disturbed scarcely a whit this winter. Crepe de chine will still be our refuge by day, and our nightgown when we retire. However, there will be a brief flurry in favor of other fabrics—handkerchief linen and the like.

Now handkerchief linen is all very well when it is freshly laundered. Indeed, it has been known to stand the strain of wear for as much as one-half hour after it is done. After that it is a creased and crumpled mockery of former glory.

The woman is daring indeed who



Blouse of Handkerchief Linen, With a Cavalier Jabot and High Turn-over Collar. The Sleeves Are Long and a Bit Full.

Crepe de Chine Blouse in Maize, With a Deep Cape Collar and Floppy Sleeves. A Tie of Dull Blue Is Loosely Knotted in Front.

Blouse of Fine White Voile, With a Double Ruffle, Collar, and Turned-back Cuffs, Trimmed With Sheer Valenciennes Lace.

would risk going to work in a handkerchief linen blouse. For her the voiles are intended. For her the crepe de chine blouses are ready for service. Even organdy is something of a risk. If one happens to be active. The delicate stuff is wonderfully pretty when fresh from the tub, but it fairly courts wrinkles and does not remain attractive for long at a time. However, it is worth trying, surely!

Voile is a sturdy thing that has won unqualified admiration, for it launders in a way to bid defiance to the most careless iron, and positively answers at wrinkles. However, it can never look as dainty as crepe de chine, which may account for the lukewarm quality of its popularity.

Crepe de chine may be kept in beautiful condition if properly laundered. This is a little task every woman should perform for herself if she wishes her blouses to look their best.

It's a very simple matter, this home laundering of crepe de chine. The blouse should be washed in cool or lukewarm water, never by any chance in hot water. This applies particularly to white blouses, which are easily yellowed. The soap should be white. Yellow laundry soap is also bad for the white crepe de chine.

After the blouse is clean, it may be rinsed and blued like any other white material. Then it should be rolled up tightly in a bath towel until the iron is hot. The iron should not be overheated. Heat is to be avoided as much as possible throughout. It will be seen from the blouse on the wrong side. It brings out the pretty shimmer of the stuff much better.

Emerges Fresh From Tub. If these directions are followed carefully, white crepe de chine blouses will emerge from their tubbing time after time as fresh as the proverbial daisy, and your friends will compliment you upon the beauty of your "new" waist!

Several years ago, when the crepe de chine blouse came first started, it was considered a bit devilish to appear in waist of flesh color. Soon, however, every one was wearing them quite brazenly if a bit consciously. Now one thinks nothing of parading the streets with a blouse of lavender, or green, or navy, or cherry. If the spirit of the fashion wills. Some of the pair tints have been lovely, none prettier than the warm yellows so becoming to brunettes or those with red gold hair. One of the newest of maize blouses

has a deep cape collar and sleeves with floppy, becoming cuffs, that are sure to get into everything, yet are unusually fascinating to the feminine mind. The blouse is set off by a tie of old blue velvet, loosely knotted.

Of handkerchief linen is a blouse featuring a jabot—a style perennially revived. This has a high, turnover stock collar and a snowy cascade of linen down the front, quite in colonial style.

The sleeves are ample and confined at the wrist by pointed cuffs. The double ruffle at the front was popular this summer, and justly so, because of its universal becomingness. It will not be given up this fall, but rather emerge in new and glorified form.

A blouse of white voile is doubly ruffled, with a border of fine Valenciennes lace. The cuffs, turned back knowingly, are likewise bordered with lace.

### Three Cookie Recipes.

Cornflake Kisses—Two cups of cornflakes, one cup of sugar, whites of two eggs, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and one cup of coconut. Beat white until stiff, add sugar gradually and beat continuously for two minutes; then add the ingredients, stirring only long enough to mix thoroughly. Drop on oiled paper and bake in a moderate oven. This recipe will make about thirty kisses.

Sugar Cookies—One cup of granulated sugar, butter size of an egg, two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of baking powder, two teaspoonfuls of vanilla extract and flour enough to roll. Cream sugar and butter, add eggs, milk and flavoring and mix well. Then add a little flour in which the baking powder has been mixed; then more flour until stiff enough to roll. Bake in moderate oven.

Oatmeal cookies—Four eggs, three cups of oatmeal, two cups of flour, one cup of milk, one cup of butter, two cups of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one cup of chopped raisins. Rub raisins in flour and put in last. Grease the pan drop, very thin.

The acented and gold tipped cigarettes of our office New York and London Lady Nicotines are spurned in Bahia. Here again their motto prevails. If you must smoke, smoke a real smoke. Hence, short black cigars and fat black pipes are smoked by the smokers of Bahia.

As for us U. S. maidens as we took launch back to the good ship Verdi, most of us were wearing marmoset fur in the rough—so very rough indeed, that this morning we were wearing marmoset bites. These tiny little chattering monkeys are exterminated as pests in Bahia or else sold to guileless tourists for a dollar apiece. The tourists all bite and so do the marmosets.

Thus to pass away the mark of Bahia simply by carrying Bahian monkey business on board.

### A Breath.

A breath can fan love's flame to burn. Make firm resolve of trembling doubt. But, strange! at fickle fancy's turning. The selfsame breath can blow it out.  
—Mary Alice De Vere.

### Potato Salad Dressing.

Grind a sweet green pepper, a cup of celery and a small onion and add to the salad dressing, which should then be mixed with two cups seasoned diced potatoes.

### Bachelor Girl's Reflections

By HELEN ROWLAND.

HAPPINESS: The capacity of loving everybody a little and somebody a lot. Usually a man's kindness to a woman to whom he owes nothing is rewarded only by his cruelty to the woman to whom he owes everything. Alas, how they hate a creditor!

Before marriage a man and a woman look for "perfection"—after marriage they look for imperfections. Hence all the travel to Reno.

With a latch-key, a cigarette, a safety razor, riding breeches, hipockets, and possibly a vote, it will be awfully hard for the girl of 1917 to act like a startled dove when some man offers to "cherish and protect" her for life.

"The woman who tells a man all she knows is like a cigar that has been smoked, a glass that has been drained; the woman who tells him just enough to start him wondering is like a dime novel or a detective story, full of fascinating possibilities."  
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## Why Mothers Often Should Visit School Rooms of Children

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG.

NOW comes the whining schoolboy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a small unwillingly to school, where he may become ill because of bad light, lack of ventilation, and uncontrolled infectious diseases. Mothers take their little tots to the schoolroom, and, as a rule, examine their surroundings only with a casual glance.

Ten square feet of space is wrongly allowed to each child in some schoolrooms. This is not enough, by any means. Fifteen square feet is by no means enough, because 200 cubic feet is the hygienic allowance necessary to each child for air and light.

The shape of a schoolroom should be longer in one direction than in another. It should not be square, semi-circular, or round, but oblong. Desks should be placed across the shorter length.

The width of the room should be not less than twenty-five feet, and its length should be not more than thirty feet. A height of thirteen or fourteen feet is about correct for forty-eight pupils in a room of the width and length mentioned. This would yield each of them 200 cubic feet of air space and fifteen square feet of floor space.

If the rooms are longer than the ones

mentioned, children seated in the rear hear and see less than they should, and the teacher's voice is strained as well as often misunderstood.

### Plenty of Light Needed.

The windows of many schoolrooms are fewer than they should be. Often they are badly located and do not protect and help the eyes of the children. The windows ought to occupy an area equal to nearly a quarter of the floor space and light the room from the left side.

Windows with too heavy strips between the panes causes bands of light to fall on the eyes and on the desks. This is not only injurious and confusing, but is responsible for lifelong mistakes learned in the classroom.

Since more illumination comes from the top near the ceilings, the windows should go almost all the way up the side walls; in fact, to within half a foot of the ceiling or roof. Since fresh air comes from above and foul air floats upward in a room, both ventilation and light are thereby enhanced. The windows should be three feet or so from the floor. Light colored walls increase the light and sometimes cause the desks to be better illuminated near a wall than immediately beneath a window.

### High Location the Best.

The blackboard should be movable. If, however, it is fixed in any one place, it should be in the center of the room, facing the children. If the room is poorly illuminated, it is preferable to locate the blackboard beside a window to the right or to the left of the room. If it is placed too far to the side, however, the pupils on the opposite side will be compelled to twist and turn in order to see it.

School buildings should never be located in a hollow or on a low street. The location of a school should be as high as possible. It should never be on a street or upon ground that is of clay or composed of organic material.

The immediate neighborhood should be free from everything which may expose the children to injury, accidents, mishaps, pollutions, and diseases. Light and grass plots for play and health are necessary. The floors and roofs of the building should be sound-proof and as silent as the deep. The walls should be of non-porous material that can be washed and sterilized with ease. Finally, there should be at least two fireproof stairways, each about five feet wide.

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## Answers to Health Questions

J. H. H.—How can moles be removed from the face?

The lance, radium, and x-rays will remove moles. The knife is most certain, not painful, less dangerous, and most quickly over.

H. T.—Where can the glyco-bacterium be purchased?

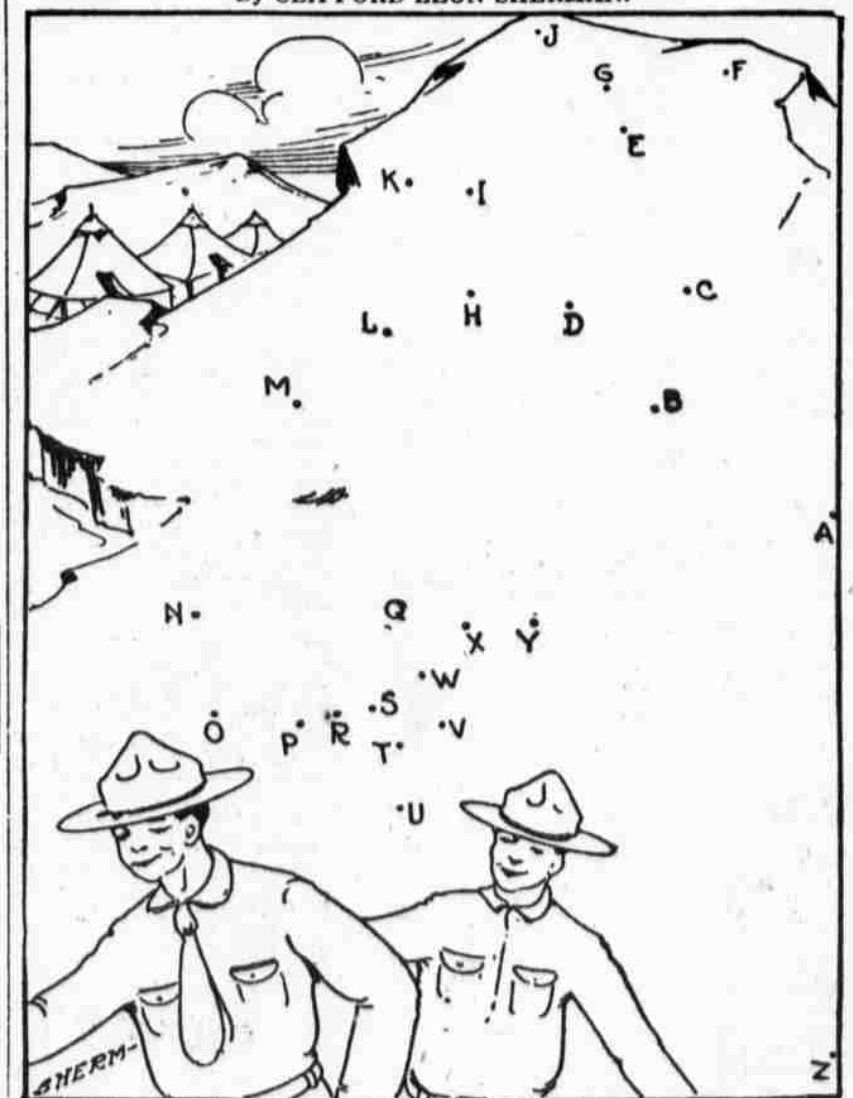
This can be obtained from any of the big bacteriological houses in Philadelphia or Detroit.

H. F. T.—For many years I have suffered upon awaking with a terrible taste in my mouth and my tongue coated with a yellowish substance. Will you please advise me what to do for this?

Coated tongues mean various things. It is not a local condition, but from the tissues in general. It is useless to scrape the tongue. Often a coated tongue is the survival from infancy of home remedies, and foolish friendly advice given to the guardians or mothers of babies. You should have your bedroom well ventilated, keep the intestines active, and drink three quarts of water daily. Also do not sleep with your mouth open—if you do this you should have the turbinates inside of the nose compressed to allow more air

## The Alphabetical Dots

By CLIFFORD LEON SHERMAN.



"I don't think I would like to be a soldier," confessed Tommy one afternoon. "They never seem to have any fun."

"Don't you believe anything like that," said his father. "They have a lot of fun and go in for all sorts of games in their leisure moments. Why, the funniest thing that I saw down on the border was a couple of soldiers trying to catch the company mascot."

"What is a mascot?" asked Tommy. "A mascot is something that is supposed to bring good luck. It might be a four-leaf clover or a horseshoe, but in this case it was a—"

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